

Our Town



SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2010



What makes our town hall green?

Several green features were incorporated into the design of the new building. Because of its sustainability, town hall is expected to earn LEED Gold certification—or possibly, Platinum, the highest level attainable.

Daylighting maximizes natural light from windows and reduces the need for artificial light.

Proper siting of the building conserves land.

Local and eco-friendly materials used during construction minimizes waste.

Low chemical content in carpets and paints improves the indoor air quality.

Efficient lighting, heating and cooling systems conserve water and energy.

Storm water controls and rainwater harvesting reduce water usage and costs.

WAKE FOREST TOWN HALL

Grand Opening

Friday, September 10
5:30 pm - 8 pm
Centennial Plaza
301 S. Brooks St.

Mayor Vivian Jones and the Wake Forest Board of Commissioners invite you and your family to attend the Wake Forest Town Hall grand opening on Friday, Sept. 10. The new town hall is located at 301 S. Brooks Street in the heart of historic downtown Wake Forest.

Grand Opening Events

5:30 PM: The festivities get underway with a community concert in Centennial Plaza that coincides with downtown's Art After Hours. The concert features performances by the Wake Forest Singers, "The Street Genie" Freddy Greene, the Heritage Middle School Chorus, and the Dance Attic Dancers.

6:00 PM: The grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony begins at 6 p.m. with NBC 17 News Anchor Melanie Sanders serving as the program emcee. Residents

who purchased a brick paver for Centennial Plaza will gather after the ceremony for a special commemorative photo.

6:30 PM: A reception and tours of the new facility will immediately follow the ribbon cutting. The public is invited to explore the new building and see the features that make town hall special.

Festivities will continue in downtown Wake Forest at many of the stores and restaurants. The Wake Forest Downtown Revitalization Corporation will offer free horse and carriage rides (weather permitting) along S. White Street.

Relocation of Departments

All of the Town's departments, except police and public works, are housed in the new 44,000-square-foot facility. The Town's new main information number is (919) 435-9400.

For more information about the grand opening and to download a new "Who to Call" registry, visit www.wakeforestnc.gov/newtownhall.aspx.

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Focus on Wake Forest

Watch the 15-minute program featuring town services and events—airing at the top of every hour on Community Channel 10.

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WWW.BRIGHTSTARTHEATRE.COM



The Bright Star Children's Theatre presents a hilarious and heartfelt rendition of **The Ugly Duckling** during the Autumn Arts Festival in downtown Wake Forest.

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Celebrate Your New Building. Celebrate Your Town.



DID YOU KNOW the Town saved almost \$130,000 by reusing furniture from the old town hall?

Town Hall Guest Services Desk Volunteers Needed

The Town of Wake Forest is seeking volunteers to work three-hour shifts at the guest services desk at town hall. Volunteers are needed on a regular basis or as a substitute to work the following shifts: Mondays- Fridays, 8 to 11 a.m., 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., 2 to 5 p.m.

Duties

- ▶ Welcome and greet visitors
- ▶ Direct individuals to appropriate offices at town hall
- ▶ Answer general questions in person and on the telephone regarding town services
- ▶ Provide tours of town hall

Desirable skills

- ▶ Friendly and outgoing
- ▶ Good communication and interpersonal skills
- ▶ Interest in and knowledge of the Wake Forest community
- ▶ Willingness to deal with diverse populations and personalities

To Apply

Volunteer application forms are available at town hall, at the Northern Wake Senior Center, and at www.wakeforestnc.gov/volunteer.aspx. Applicants who wish to participate in the first orientation class must apply by Friday, Oct. 1.

For more information, contact Public Information Officer Bill Crabtree at (919) 435-9421 or bcrabtree@wakeforestnc.gov.

We need you here!



Join the town-wide effort to “unplug” for the weekend

**Wake Forest Unplugged...
Get Connected
Friday, Oct 1 - Sunday, Oct 3**

What do you get when you combine Oprah Winfrey’s “No Phone Zone” and an entire weekend free from electronic devices that often seem to control us instead of the other way around? The answer: “Wake Forest Unplugged...Get Connected.”

Sponsored by the Wake Forest Recreation Advisory Board, “Wake Forest Unplugged” is an opportunity for Wake Forest-area residents to “disconnect” from cell phones, PDAs, and computers, and “re-connect” with their community, friends, and family. The campaign gets underway Friday, Oct. 1, at 5 p.m. and runs through Sunday, Oct. 3, at 5 p.m.

Make the Pledge

To participate, sign the pledge form promising to unplug from the electronic device of your choice. Everyone who returns a pledge form will be included in several

prize drawings courtesy of area businesses. Forms are available for download at www.wakeforestnc.gov/unplugged.aspx.

101 Things to Do

Included with the pledge form is a list of 101 activities individuals or families can do—visiting local parks, walking or biking along one of our area’s greenways, cooking a meal together, playing board games, and going on a picnic, just to name a few.

Re-connect at the Park

The weekend will culminate on Sunday, Oct. 3, with a concert in **E. Carroll Joyner Park**. The performance is scheduled from 3-5 p.m., but residents are encouraged to arrive early, bring a picnic lunch, and take part in an array of planned games and activities, including sack and relay races, egg toss, corn hole, and hula hoop.

For more information about Wake Forest Unplugged...Get Connected, contact Parks & Recreation Director Susan Simpson at (919) 435-9561.

Leonard Named Permanent Police Chief

Jeff Leonard was sworn in as the Town’s permanent police chief at the July Board of Commissioner’s meeting. Leonard had been serving as interim chief since the retirement of Greg Harrington.

“I believe the police department will make great strides under his leadership,” said Town Manager Mark Williams in a released statement.

Leonard grew up in Wake Forest and graduated from Wake Forest-Rolesville High School in 1989. He has a Bachelor of Arts degree in sociology with a concentration in criminal justice from NC State University and is a 2006 graduate of the FBI National Academy.

Leonard joined the Wake Forest Police Department as a part-time auxiliary officer in



August 1992 and became a full-time patrol officer in August 1994. Over the past 18 years he has risen through the

ranks of the department working as an investigator, sergeant, lieutenant, major, and deputy chief.

As police chief, Leonard will oversee an annual department budget of \$6.6 million and 69 professional and sworn staff members.

Residents are advised that the Wake Forest Police Department conducts regular training at the firing range behind Flaherty Park. The dates of training are posted online on the Town’s community calendar: www.wakeforestnc.gov/communitycalendar.aspx.



Pets can play leash-free

in a safe, fenced-in area at **FLAHERTY DOG PARK.**

New utility collection box available on Taylor Street

A new Town of Wake Forest utilities payment drop box has been installed along Taylor Street, behind the new town hall. The collection box provides a

convenient payment option for customers wishing to pay their Wake Forest Power electric bill and/or City of Raleigh water and sewer bill. Payments deposited in the drop box after 8:30 a.m. Monday through Friday are processed the next business day.

Area residents may also use the collection box to drop off pay-

ments to the Wake Forest Parks & Recreation Department, as well as keys to the Town's rental facilities.

PROPERTY TAX PAYMENTS

The Town no longer accepts Wake County property tax payments. Residents are urged to make those payments at the Northern Regional Center, 350 E. Holding Avenue.

PARKS & RECREATION



Kiwanis Park now includes accessible play equipment for children with special needs.

ATHLETICS

Youth Basketball Registration: October 1-29

Wake Forest basketball leagues are offered for boys and girls ages 5 to 17. Team practices will begin in December and games will be played from January through March.

The registration fee is \$40 for residents, \$80 for non-residents. Please note that a birth certificate is required for new participants at the time of registration.

Download an application at www.wakeforestnc.gov/parksrecreation.aspx.

Meet your good neighbors at Holding Park

Good Neighbor Day
Sunday, Sept 19
1 pm - 4 pm; Holding Park

The fourth annual Good Neighbor Day promises an afternoon of free food, dancing, local musicians, a disc jockey, face painting, storytelling, prizes and recreational activities for both children and adults.

Organized by the Human Relations Council, Good Neighbor Day assembles people from all walks of life to celebrate diversity and to promote goodwill among all of Wake Forest's citizens.

Good Neighbor of the Year
During the event, the first-ever "Good Neighbor of the Year"

award will be presented to one youth and one adult. The award is designed to recognize the efforts of Wake Forest residents who make exceptional contributions to improve the quality of life in their neighborhoods.

Visit www.wakeforestnc.gov/goodneighboraday.aspx or contact Allyson Rayfield at (919) 996-9945. Rain date: Sunday, Sept. 26.

"My neighbors and community were there in my time of need when I was diagnosed with breast cancer. That's what 'good neighbors' do. They make a positive impact in the lives of others." —Nicole Hedrick, Human Relations Council member



Upcoming Events

See a full listing of Wake Forest events at www.wakeforestnc.gov/communitycalendar.aspx.

SEPTEMBER

Town Hall Grand Opening

Friday, Sept 10, 5:30-8 pm
See details on front page.

Princess & the Pea

Thursday, Sept 16, 2:30 & 4 pm
WF Community House
Rags to Riches presents two showings of the children's classic "Princess & the Pea." Co-sponsored by WF Parks & Rec and United Arts of Raleigh and Wake County. *Free*

Good Neighbor Day

Sunday, Sept 19; 1-4 pm
Holding Park
See details on this page.

OCTOBER

Wake Forest Unplugged... Get Connected

Friday, Oct 1 - Sunday Oct 3
See details on facing page.

Concert in the Park

Sunday, Oct 3, 3-5 pm
E. Carroll Joyner Park
Bring a lawn chair and enjoy the free concert featuring Leroy Savage & The Bottom Feeders. Presented by PineCone and co-sponsored by WF Parks & Rec and United Arts of Raleigh and Wake County. *Free*

The Ugly Duckling

Saturday, Oct 9, 3 pm
S. White Street
Bright Star Children's Theatre will present the well-loved children's classic during the annual Autumn Arts Festival in downtown Wake Forest. The show is co-sponsored by WF Parks & Rec and United Arts of Raleigh and Wake County. *Free*

Halloween Spooktacular

Thursday, Oct 21, 6:30-8:30 pm
Flaherty Park Community Ctr.
Ghostly games and activities for children 12 and younger. Costumes are optional but a prize for "best costume" will be awarded. Free pumpkins while supplies last. *Free*

NOVEMBER

The Satchmo Show

Wednesday, Nov 3, 10:15 am
Northern Wake Senior Center
Ramon Kenan presents an uncanny performance of the life and influence of the legendary jazz figure, Louis Armstrong. Co-sponsored by WF Parks & Rec and United Arts of Raleigh and Wake County. *Free*



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Things that make our new town hall special

Polished Concrete Floor (a) The lobby floor features a timeline of Wake Forest history complete with cracks that mimic tree roots.

Tree Chandelier (b) As you stand in the middle of Board Chambers, look up. See the tree chandelier?

Oak Tree Save Area (c) In a last minute move by the Board of Commissioners, a concrete parking lot was scrapped and two large oaks next to town hall were saved.

Reclaimed Wood Floors (d) The flooring on the ground level of town hall is made from wood salvaged from a barn.

TUNE IN TO WAKE FOREST'S

Community Channel 10

The community channel provides a variety of information about Town of Wake Forest programs and services.

Airing at the top of every hour, **Focus on Wake Forest** is the Town's news and information program. The monthly program, produced by the Town's Communication's Department, features interviews with staff and community members. Each episode consists of three five-minute segments that highlight initiatives either already underway in Wake Forest or planned for the future.

Our "new look" Focus on Wake Forest is now airing on Community Channel 10 and is also available at www.wakeforestnc.gov/focus-on-wakeforest.aspx.

Videos posted online: www.wakeforestnc.gov/channel10.aspx

LIVE BROADCASTS

Board of Commissioners Work Session—First Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m.

Planning Board Meeting—First Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

Board of Commissioners Meeting—First Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

REBROADCASTS

Joint Public Hearings, Planning Board Meetings—Wednesdays, Thursdays at 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. for two weeks after the meeting

Board of Commissioners Meetings—Wednesdays, Thursdays at 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. for the month after the meeting

New Email Address Protections in Place

Now can be a good time to sign up for the town's email subscription service.

The NC General Assembly has increased protection for citizen's email addresses. Local governments in Wake County, including the Town of Wake Forest, now have the authority to deny requests for copies of subscriber email lists.

According to Session Law 2010-83, email address lists are open to public inspection for those who want to come to Town Hall to see them but are no longer required to be provided.

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